

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 997

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Joe B. Maddox on the occasion of his thirtieth pastoral anniversary with New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who answered a divine call to the ministry and serve with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such person who walks in the light of God's ways is Dr. Joe B. Maddox of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, who recently celebrated his thirtieth pastoral anniversary; and

WHEREAS, born in Hamilton, Georgia, Dr. Joe Maddox holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, earned his Master of Science degree from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama, and obtained his Doctor of Ministry degree and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from North American School of Theology in Winter Haven, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a committed Christian since the age of seven, Dr. Maddox acknowledged his call to preach the Gospel while employed with the U.S. Department of the Interior in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, arriving in Knoxville as an ordained minister, Dr. Joe Maddox was called to pastor New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in February 1986 and has faithfully ministered to this exemplary congregation, leading its work in mission efforts both locally and in the Virgin Islands, Kenya, and Uganda; and

WHEREAS, sharing his Christian leadership, Dr. Joe Maddox is the President/Director of the Knoxville Interdenominational Bible Institute, Inc.; State Director of Missions for the

Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.; and President of S.A.F.E.

Ministries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maddox's Christian stewardship derives much support from his wife, the former Vivian Goodwin; their two daughters, Treasure, and the late Tonya; and their son-in-law and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Dr. Joe B. Maddox demonstrates the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, and he has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of the congregants at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Joe B. Maddox on the occasion of his thirtieth pastoral anniversary at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and extend our sincere best wishes to him for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.